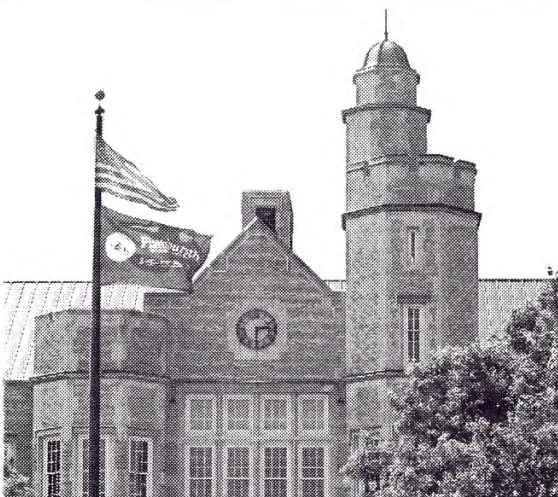


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Governor Spitzer Makes New Appointment to College Council

Gov. Elliot Spitzer has appointed Paul Smith's Professor Karen Edwards G'84 and Minerva Principal Heidi Kelly to the College Council. In addition, Student Association President Angel Acosta will serve as the student representative.

Donald Garrant '57 G'59, chair of the council, welcomed the new members.

"I look forward to working with them as we continue to assist the college in achieving the unprecedented success it is enjoying as one of SUNY's leading comprehensive colleges," said Garrant.

Members are charged with providing governance, expertise and judgment to the college, as well as representing the State University of New York in their communities.

Edwards, a professor and former division head of Paul Smith's math program, holds an associate degree in science, a bachelor's in math with a

minor in education, and a master's in liberal studies from SUNY Plattsburgh. She is working on her Ph.D. in educational theory and practice.

Before serving as principal, Kelly taught elementary and middle school. She holds a bachelor's in education and a master's in reading and is a graduate of the Leadership Academy Educational Administration Program at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Acosta, a junior in anthropology, has committed himself to the issues of diversity and social justice. He has presented at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity, helped establish a Student Diversity Committee on campus and served as director of diversity in the Student Assembly.

The three will join the rest of the council at its next meeting, on Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. in Room 416 of Sibley Hall. The public is invited. □

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— Don Garrant
College Council Chair

President's House Renamed Olive Mason Flynt House

The President's House at 134 Court Street has been renamed the Olive Mason Flynt House in honor of the alumna and 35-year college employee.



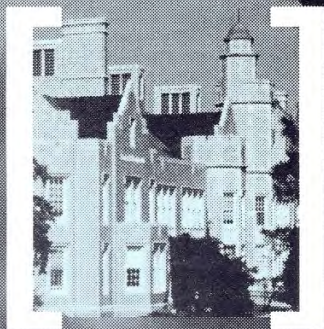
The College Council voted unanimously in favor of the change, citing

the desire to honor Flynt for "loyal service as a patient and devoted employee of the highest integrity, magnificent philanthropy, and commitment to future generations of Plattsburgh alumni."

Flynt served as assistant to the president, member of the Plattsburgh Alumni Association, charter member of the Heritage Society, and member

and honorary board member of the Plattsburgh Foundation. She was a recipient of the "Once in a Century Alumni Award," and the "Presidential Award of Honor."

When Flynt passed away in 2005, she bequeathed over \$1,000,000 to the college, establishing an endowed scholarship to aid students in the nutrition program. □



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Travel Expands Student Horizons

SUNY Plattsburgh students have been going places - Nepal and France, to be precise - on short-term study abroad trips.

Accompanied by guides and porters, students and faculty members slept, ate and trekked in Nepal for 21 days over winter break. They first completed coursework, studying the history and culture of Nepal in terms of tourism and its impact on the tourist and the host nation. Then they got to experience it all, first-hand. Dr. Larry Soroka, chair of expeditionary studies, expected many would gain new perspective on the U.S. and themselves.

Other students experienced the sights, sounds, and smells of Paris, France, from Jan. 11 to 20. They, too, completed coursework ahead of time, exploring culture, diversity and Parisian history. They examined romanticized versions of the city and compared them to social realities. Then, they had a chance to see some of those differences first-hand.

If all goes well, Soroka, Lang and others will continue to offer short trips across the globe. □

-- Ashlie Doran '08

Synergy. That's what was created at the Institute for Ethics in Public Life last semester.

Three academic fellows came together, wanting to study ethics as it related to three different fields, and each left with new, bigger ideas, fortified by the research of the others.

In part, Jean Ann Hunt, associate professor of literacy education, and Dr. David Stone, assistant professor of counselor education, were looking at the ethics of multiculturalism-



Hunt, from an educational perspective and Stone from a counseling one.

The two knew there was overlap between their areas of study and were able to look at methods used in counseling and in classrooms to deepen their understanding of changes that are needed in both fields and their ability to advocate for those changes.

Assistant Professor Dr. Monica Ciobanu was looking into something that at first seemed entirely different - sociology and criminal justice. She was interested in studying ethics in the areas of democracy, human rights, and law and society - especially as they pertain to changes in post-communist societies. Following her interests, she wrote and presented a paper, "Criminalizing the Past and Reconstructing the Collective Memory: The Romanian Truth Commission," based on the research she did overseas this summer.

In addition to that work, however, Ciobanu gained interdisciplinary knowledge from the other two. She found that in their work, they also hit upon the issue of democracy, but they came at it from different angles - angles from which Ciobanu gained new perspective.

"I became aware about things like democracy in education and counseling

and multiculturalism and human rights," said Ciobanu. "I kind of broadened my horizon, and that has been very good for me. I could probably now introduce some of the topics, some of the theories, that I've learned, in the classes that I'm teaching."

Stone felt the same way. He said Ciobanu's look at the democratic movement in Eastern Europe and the marginalization of people ran parallel to Hunt's and his work, looking at how people search for life, liberty and happiness.

The three also found great value in the institute's Wednesday luncheons which bring former fellows in for discussions with the current fellows.

"One thing I've discovered," said Hunt, "is just what an incredible place this office is. It's just really lovely to be in a place with faculty that are so committed to creating wonderful experiences - not just for students but for the community - and who really have a vision for the future and want students to be part of that."

The institute was established in 1999 in an effort cultivate students who are engaged, committed and ethically responsive as citizens. It does so by providing SUNY Plattsburgh faculty a chance to spend a semester as a fellow at the institute, where they work to develop their capability to integrate ethics and civic responsibility into their teaching. □



Canadian Ambassador Praises Canadian Studies Program

Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. Michael Wilson praised the college's Canadian studies program.

In an address on campus, Wilson discussed trade and security. He also mentioned the importance of Canadian studies programs in understanding relationships between the two countries, and he celebrated their growth.

"In the U.S. alone, 80 universities offer Canadian content programs and many have programs in which students major or minor in Canadian studies," said Wilson. "One of the most energetic is right here at Plattsburgh State in the Center for the Study of

Canada, and we are all grateful to President John Ettling for his leadership at Plattsburgh and his strong support of Canadian studies, particularly through the Fulbright Program."

Wilson's presentation was part of the Distinguished Canadian Address, an event designed to recognize individuals who have made a profoundly positive contribution to Canadian life.

Christopher Kirkey, director of the Canadian studies program, praised the ambassador. "He's done nothing but work to enhance the Canadian-U.S. relationship and has been a decidedly positive force," said Kirkey.



>> FACULTY AND STAFF SHOWCASE



Cori Matthews, director of campus activities, received the Dr. Eldridge W. Roark Jr. award for her campus leadership. Her creativity, empathy, respect, enthusiasm and involvement with on-campus committees and events like the alternative break were recognized.



Allison Swick-Duttine, director of fraternity and sorority life and organizational development, received the Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Fraternity Advisors and a 2007 Anti-Hazing Hero Award from HazingPrevention.Org.



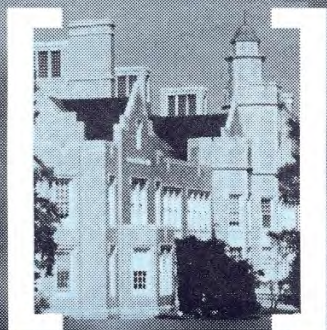
Associate Professor Dr. Meiyin Wu was awarded a grant of more than \$150,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to develop a wetland monitoring program and an invasive species management plan for the Au Sable River watershed.

Associate Professor Dr. Aline Bobys co-authored the article "Using the R2D2 Model for Creating Collaboration Among Practicing Teachers and Pre-service Teachers During Reading Assessment Preparation at Four Universities," published in the Journal of Technology and Teacher Education.

Assistant Professor Dr. Chuo-Hsuan "Jason" Lee published his article, "The Use of Operating Leverage in Pricing Decisions," in the Journal of Cost Analysis and Management.

Dr. Suzanne Hungerford, associate professor, and Katheryn Gonyo, lecturer, presented a seminar, "Relationships between Executive Functions and Language Variables," at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention. Hungerford, Gonyo, Assistant Professor Dr. Sharon Macner, Chair of Communication Disorders and Sciences Dr. Patrick Coppens, and students Kate Foster '06, Kiera Berggren, Debbie Frederick, and Magdalena Hertel '07 also presented posters, titled "Neurotoxins & Language-related Disorders: Implications for Prevention" (Hungerford, Gonyo, Berggren, and Frederick), "An Interdisciplinary Information Processing Model for Assessment of Language Processing" (Hungerford, Macner, Hertel, and Foster), and "The Logic of Informal Testing" (Coppens). Hungerford also moderated a "School Forum" on the influence of neurotoxins on language and learning.

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College to Take Part in International Study of Teacher Preparation

SUNY Plattsburgh has been selected to take part in a Teacher Education and Development Study in Mathematics 2008 (TEDS-M). This is a study of teacher education programs which will focus on the preparation of math teachers at the primary and lower secondary levels.

Conducted under the aegis of the International Association for the Evaluation of Achievement and managed by Michigan State University, TEDS-M will strive to answer questions important to policy makers wishing to improve the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs.

It will examine teacher preparation in more than 20 countries, using rigorous methodologies, national representative samples, and surveys to analyze policy, outcomes and costs. It will attempt to answer questions like what experiences are most effective in

preparing teachers and how teacher education program outcomes can be measured with reliability and validity.

The college needs to have to have an 87 percent compliance rate with its surveys, in order to participate, but, according to Dr. David Hill, dean of health, education and human services, it would like to have a 100 percent compliance rate, as this survey may inform decisions about teacher education both locally and internationally.

Several incentives will be offered to encourage participation, including stipends.

TEDS-M will be a blind study, so no student or faculty names will be used. In fact, individual college data will not be given out. Instead, the study will look at the aggregate scores of all students and all colleges that have taken part. □

>> NOTEBOOK

- The Sportswriters, Feb. 1, 1 p.m., Krinovitz. Luke Cyphers, adjunct lecturer and writer for ESPN, hosts ESPN colleagues Buster Olney and Jon Scher.
- SBDC and TAC Open House, Feb 1, 3 to 5 p.m., 194 U.S. Oval. Senator Betty Little and President John Ettling speak. R.S.V.P. at (518) 564-2214.
- Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, Feb. 4, 7 p.m., E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium. Tickets: \$6, public; \$4, faculty and staff; and free for SUNY Plattsburgh students.
- Visual Artist Series: Lecture by Photographer Todd Hildo, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., Cardinal Lounge.
- Safety Classes Required for College Vans - Two courses required. First, a three-hour lesson will be offered Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon and Feb. 13 and 20, from 1 to 4 p.m., service building. To register, call Gina Doty, (518) 564-5011. To take the second, a 1.5-hour hands-on training, call (518) 564-2121. Applications available from department chairs or University Police at (518) 564-2022.
- Upward Bound Summer Employment - Tutors/counselors needed, June 16 to Aug. 5. Applications available at the College Center desk or the Upward Bound Office, Room 010, Hawkins Hall. First consideration given to those received by Feb. 15. Contact (518) 564-2030.

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Allison Swick-Duttine Named Anti-Hazing Hero

Allison Swick-Duttine, director of fraternity/sorority life, is one of only two professionals across the country to be named by HazingPrevention.Org as an "Anti-Hazing Hero."

Motivated by the hazing death of Walter Dean Jennings in 2002, "Swick-Duttine became a highly sought-after presenter determined to help other campuses avoid the same fate," according to a press release from HazingPrevention.Org. "She has presented numerous times about hazing and underground fraternities and written much on the subject as well."

As the 2007 recipient of the Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award from the national Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA), Swick-Duttine has also been recognized for high professional standards and achievement.

"I am unbelievably honored to receive these awards," said Swick-Duttine.

"I think that we sometimes take for granted our fraternity and sorority operation here," said William Laundry, vice president for student affairs. "We forget the fact that the person leading it, Allison Swick-Duttine, is really in the forefront of the fraternity and sorority world on a national level."

Swick-Duttine credits SUNY Plattsburgh for empowering her to do such work.

"I do not think I would have had the opportunity to accomplish so much on the national level if it weren't for the support and encouragement of my colleagues at SUNY Plattsburgh," said Swick-Duttine.

"This college has provided me with not only a wonderful career, but opportunities to improve myself personally and professionally, and, in doing so, I have been able to provide similar opportunities for our fraternity/sorority members." □

"I am unbelievably honored to receive these awards."

— Allison Swick-Duttine
Director,
Fraternity/Sorority Life

Students Play Role in Sundance Film Festival Winner

Senior Marlo Carroll never imagined she'd attend the Sundance Film

Festival as a crew member for a winning film. But in mid-January, that's just what she did. In fact, she worked on two Sundance films, best drama "Frozen River," and "Phoebe in Wonderland." Getting a reputation for her work, Carroll had to

turn down job offers so she could finish college.

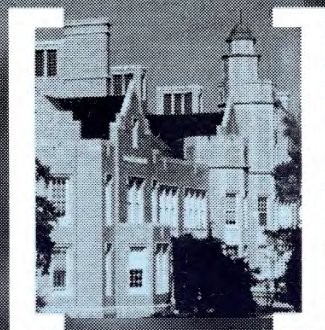
She was one of four SUNY Plattsburgh students who worked on the crew of "Frozen River." The others were Justin Halstead '07, Austin Bordeleau '07, and former student Latoya Gay.

Halstead, too, has worked on other films and is now attending the

Director's Guild Assistant Director Training Program, which accepts only five out of 300 applicants.

Both Carroll and Halstead credit SUNY Plattsburgh with helping them reach new heights.

"Plattsburgh gave me the opportunity to learn and be creative and did not stifle me," said Halstead. □



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College Library Launches Special Collections on the Web

Feinberg Library recently launched a new, enhanced Web presence for its Special Collections department, online at www.plattsburgh.edu/library/specialcollections.

Special Collections includes regional historical materials, which focus on the counties of Clinton, Essex and Franklin in northern New York; the Adirondack and Champlain Valley regions; the SUNY Plattsburgh College Archives and College Thesis Collection; and the Rockwell Kent manuscript collection.

The new site provides convenient access to many of the library's collection guides, helpful services, and links to important resources.

Teaching faculty who are currently using Special Collections Web resources in their classes are asked to update Web links in their course materials. The URL for the P.O.L.A.R.I.S. database is unchanged. □

ESPN Sportswriters Visit Campus



Write, write and write some more.

This was advice given to future sportswriters by John Scher, senior baseball editor for ESPN The Magazine, and Buster Olney, a senior baseball writer for ESPN The Magazine and regular contributor to "Sports Center," and "Baseball Tonight." The two spoke at a forum hosted by fellow ESPN sportswriter Luke Cyphers, an adjunct journalism lecturer at the college.

"They spoke to my sports reporting class last year and were a hit with the students," said Cyphers. "So the journalism department thought it would be valuable to have them share their insights with the rest of the community."

"I am a sports fan – some would say sports fanatic – so the opportunity to have two sportswriters of the high caliber of Buster Olney and Jon Scher, to say nothing of Mr. Cyphers' own high level of expertise, on our campus was incredible," said Benjamin Pomerance, a senior double-majoring in journalism and political science with a minor in music.

"I think everyone there came away with a greater appreciation for sports-writing in particular and the field of journalism as a whole," he said.

For Pomerance, who recently had an article about the legendary baseball player Johnny Podres published in the New York Daily News, hosting

such speakers is but one in a list of ways the college has helped him.

"I can truly say that without Plattsburgh State's journalism program, I would never have had this article published in the New York Daily News," said Pomerance. "Luke Cyphers, from whom I took an excellent sports reporting course in my first-ever semester of college, played an invaluable role in helping me find a home for this story, in advising me of a way to rewrite it to make it more marketable for this particular situation and in encouraging me to go after a brass ring that, at first, I thought was a real long shot to attain."

"But the impact of this department went well beyond that. The teachers I have had in the journalism department – Ron Davis and Shawn Murphy especially – have worked with me in fine-tuning my work and teaching me about the nuances of good journalism, and have taught me lessons I will not only remember, but treasure, forever," he said.

Pomerance also spoke about the response to his article. It was "tremendous, even a little embarrassing."

"That genuine spirit of warmth and encouragement is something that is a unique part of the 'Plattsburgh experience,' a very special gift that this campus offers to all its students." □

Accounting Students Help Prepare Tax Returns

A hands-on learning experience has SUNY Plattsburgh accounting majors joining community volunteers to help middle- and low-income people of all ages prepare their taxes. The group, sponsored by AARP and the IRS, have set up shop in Plattsburgh's Senior Center through April 15.

Last year, Plattsburgh's AARP Tax-Aide Service, the largest non-military tax preparation service in the state, had more than 60 volunteers helping 1,500 Clinton County residents file taxes.

For students, the program provides a chance to turn theory

into practice while providing a valuable service to the community.

"Volunteering at the tax site was one of the most educational and fun experiences during my time at Plattsburgh," said Matej "Matt" Kollar '07, who volunteered last year.

Kollar, who now works for KPMG LLP, one of the four biggest accounting firms in the world, said that the experience reinforced what he learned in the classroom.

"The practical application of tax law was a great addition to the classroom knowledge I gained," said Kollar. "I felt a sense of accomplishment at the end of tax season, knowing that the

VITA site prepared as many free tax returns as some of the larger accounting firms in town.

"It doesn't just result in internship credit; it is an excellent learning experience and a good deed," he added.

Program hours for February are: on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. The program will be closed on Feb. 18. In March, hours will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For information, contact (518) 570-9887. □

>> FACULTY AND STAFF SHOWCASE



Peter Ensel '80, associate professor and communication department chair, and **Christine Johnson**, assistant professor, are finalists for the National Broadcasting Society's 2008 Convention for a project they worked on together – an NCCA Women's Ice Hockey Championship Commemorative DVD that was distributed to all four teams.



James Nolan, professor emeritus from the biology department, had maps that he had drawn in the 1950s republished as part of a classic collection in the "National History of New York City's Parks and Great Gull Island," a publication of the Linnaean Society.

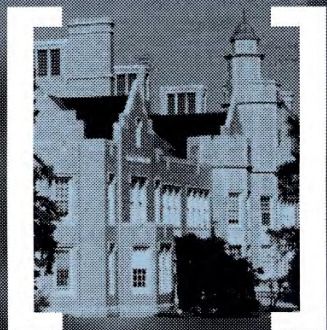


Dr. Jose L. Torres-Padilla co-edited the critical anthology, "Writing Off The Hyphen: New Perspectives on the Literature of the Puerto Rican Diaspora," which the University of Washington Press will release in April 2008. Torres' collection of short stories, "Paper Planes," is to be published by Arte Publico next year.



Men's basketball coach **Tom Curle '82** appeared live on D3hoops.com's "Hoopsville" Internet broadcast, the only electronic media show in the nation dedicated to NCAA Division III basketball. He was featured in part two of a 15-minute segment called "NABC Coach's Corner." To listen, log on to www.d3hoops.com/dailydose/ and click on part two of the Feb. 3 show.

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Faculty Help Needed for National Student Engagement Survey

If an email from President John Ettling isn't enough to get the attention of students, perhaps an iPod will help.

The email, which will go out Feb. 18, will invite students to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement eliciting feedback about their learning experiences at SUNY Plattsburgh.

To help ensure a high response rate, those who complete the NSSE will be entered into a drawing to win an iPod Nano or additional prizes that include gift certificates to the College Bookstore and t-shirts.

"We need the help of faculty to encourage first-year students and seniors to participate in the survey," said Dr. Robert Karp, director of Institutional Research and coordinator of the survey effort on campus. "A high response rate is

crucial if the results are to be used to establish institutional benchmarks for improvement purposes."

For example, as a result of the 2004 NSSE, the college implemented several initiatives to assist first-year students with their transition into college life; created a Center for Teaching Excellence that shares "tips for successful college teaching" with faculty that instruct first-year students; and more.

Dr. Robert Golden, provost, noted that the timing is serendipitous.

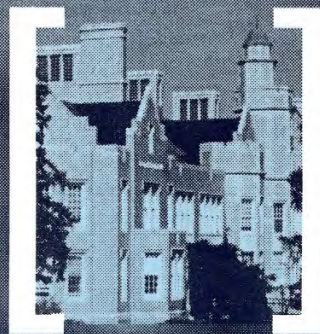
"We want students to tell us what we do well and where we can improve. These questions are especially important in a year where we are kicking off a strategic planning process. With an extra nudge from faculty, we are sure to get a high level of student participation." □

>> NOTEBOOK

- "Lessons from the Edge: Climbing and Doing Business in the Global Economy," a lecture and slide show by legendary climber Henry Barber, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 12, Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins. Free.
- "Journey to the Soul: An International Perspective on Climbing History, Ethics and Style," a lecture and slide show by Henry Barber, 7:30 p.m., Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins. Free.
- Pendragon's "Twelve Angry Men," 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Feb. 16, E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins. Tickets available at door. Arrive early. \$10 for the public; \$8 for faculty, staff and senior citizens; and \$2 with SUNY Plattsburgh student ID.
- Brave New Voices Poetry Slam, 8 p.m., Feb. 19, Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. Free.
- "Politics? Who, me?" by Henry Milner, guest speaker, 4:30 p.m., Room 106, Hudson. Free. For information contact lizabeth.woodard@plattsburgh.edu, 518-564-5402.
- Records Management Essentials Workshop - The N.Y. Archives' Government Records Services delivers two workshops for records coordinators and interested employees. March 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m., Cardinal Lounge. Workshop covers creating, filing, retaining and disposing of records and responsibilities of records management staff. RSVP by calling Gina at 518-564-3095.

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Mental Health Counseling Program One of the First to Gain Accreditation

SUNY Plattsburgh's Mental Health Counseling program has received accreditation without condition through 2012 from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. It is one of only three programs in the state and 50 programs nationally to receive this endorsement.

The master's degree program began in 2006 and became one of the first mental health counseling programs in the state to be "license eligible." Being license eligible meant that it already satisfied the state's requirements for licensure. The new accreditation, however, goes even further in validating the curriculum.

"As vice-chairperson of the New York State Board for Mental Health Practitioners, I have witnessed first-hand how valuable being CACREP-accredited is," said SUNY Distinguished Professor of Counselor Education Dr. Richard Schnell, who helped the

counselor education department prepare for the accreditation. "CACREP standards are well recognized throughout the country and play a leading role in satisfying license education requirements."

"Programs receiving accreditation without conditions deserve to be commended for the work they completed throughout the accreditation process," wrote Carol L. Bobby, executive director of the accrediting council in a letter to President John Ettling.

"While all of us contributed in part to the accreditation effort, it is important to note the efforts of Dr. Richard Schnell and a recent graduate, Sheri Beckwith-Trombley," said Dr. Stephen Saiz, chair of counselor education. "They both worked throughout the spring and summer of 2007 to compile the self study. While all of us in the department benefit from this achievement, special recognition should go to those two individuals." □

Articulation Agreements to Benefit Education Majors

On Feb. 12, President John Ettling and Clinton Community College Interim

President Dr. Frederick Woodward signed agreements which provide a "clear path" for Clinton students wishing to pursue a bachelor's in



childhood education at SUNY Plattsburgh.

The new agreements construct a framework by which Clinton students, if accepted, can enter as juniors with a clear set of requirements that will add up to a four-year program and a bachelor's degree in childhood education. The agreements were needed after a significant overhaul of the

education curriculum at SUNY Plattsburgh which included new courses, different requirements, and a philosophical change that gets students out in the field during their first semester in the program.

"This is yet another example of the cooperative relationship our two colleges have developed over many years," said Woodward. □



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PR Class Puts Coursework to Good Use



Students in Dr. Jonathan Slater's public relations writing practicum will be putting the tools of the trade

to good use this spring, as they develop and implement an integrated communication campaign for the 2nd Annual SUNY Plattsburgh Relay for Life, an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The event they will be working on is an all-night commemoration, honoring the survivors and the victims of cancer, starting on Friday evening, March 28 and ending on Saturday morning, March 29.

SUNY Plattsburgh's first relay was organized by senior Kara Strang and former student Aimee Chauvot, who won the State University of New York's Student Initiative Award for their efforts. The event drew 500 participants to the Field House and raised \$22,500.

The March event is a separate one from the Relay for Life that will take place in June. □

Plaza's Paper Opens New Field

When, as a graduate student, Dr. Jan Plaza, associate professor of computer science, wrote a paper titled "Logics of Public Communications," he knew he was onto something.

The paper was published in proceedings of a poster session, separate from the main conference proceedings. There it would probably have died on the shelves of conference attendees. Plaza, however, knew he had something important, so he posted it on the Web where people could access it and become familiar with his ideas.

Now, eighteen years later, that paper has been republished in Springer Verlag's journal, *Synthese - Knowledge, Rationality and Action*, where it has been cited by Hans Van Ditmarsch as opening a new area of formal logic called the Dynamic Epistemic Logic.

For years, mathematicians have used so-called "modal logic" to describe situations in which agents have specific knowledge, sometimes about the knowledge of others, such as, "Betty knows that Andy does not know that the stock market has been falling for the last three days." However these descriptions were possible only in situations



when the agents' knowledge did not change.

What Plaza did in his paper was to come up with a notation and a system of logic that would show changes in knowledge to the agents as the result of public announcements.

Plaza's article was first to model this, 10 years before any other papers on such topics. It introduced "know-value" operators and was first to provide a logic model of McCarthy's Sum and Product Puzzle, according to Ditmarsch.

Today, Dynamic Epistemic Logic is an active area of research worldwide. Ditmarsch's review quotes 40 papers that are fundamental to this discipline. There are also several Ph.D. dissertations underway. □

Group Gears Up for Month of Action

Sophomore Christine Ferricane wants to empower people. She wants students, faculty and staff to realize that they can do something to make the world a better place, locally, nationally and globally. That's why she joined the Month of Action Committee.

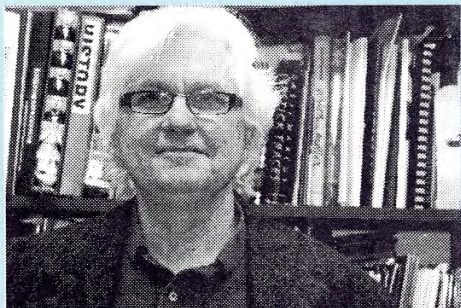
The group has been meeting every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Center for Student Involvement. They use the time to plan for a month-long

series of events in March that will emphasize the actions people can take to make a difference.

The month will include activities surrounding global warming, autism, gay/lesbian issues, food waste, the treatment of children and more. The group is also encouraging faculty to include civic action in their syllabi for the month.

For information, contact Ferricane at 914-715-8256. □

Exhibit Combines Art with Historical Look at "Quacks"



Assistant Professor of Art W. David Powell is fascinated by the "quacks" of the past and present. He talks about how some so-called "quack" methods

have been rediscovered and used as the latest thing in medicine.

Combine these thoughts with art, rendered in a campy, light-hearted, text-book-like style, and you have Powell's latest exhibit "Between Soft Machines and Hard Science," parts of which have been on display at the Minnesota State University, Moorhead and still are on display at the University of Vermont's Robert Hull Fleming Museum.

In amongst his pieces, Powell intersperses historical "scientific" devices -

or, as he puts it, "toys for rich people to demonstrate physiological phenomena."

Powell's work owes a debt to those who believed in physiognomy, the theory that character can be read through superficial physical traits and to inventors like John Keely who raised millions of dollars to invent a machine, which could draw energy out of air.

Pieces from Powell's exhibit will be at the Fleming Museum through June 8. □

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Ken Baldwin, assistant professor and coordinator for the fitness and wellness major, will be presenting a lecture, "Leadership and Training Tools for Professionals Teaching Older Adult Exercise," this spring at the National Council on Aging in Washington, D.C. He will also present "Posture and Body Alignment: Analyzing, Assessing, and Developing Corrective Exercises," at Club Industry East, New York City.



Distinguished Service Professor **Dr. Nancy Church**, chair of marketing and entrepreneurship, was featured in the August 2007 issue of the Kiwanis magazine. Church joined the organization in August 1987, just one month after the vote to allow women to join the organization, making her one of the earliest female Kiwanians.



Dr. Bob Davis, professor of communication disorders and sciences, presented a paper, "The Effectiveness of N-acetyl-L-cysteine (L-NAC) in the Prevention of Severe Noise-Induced Hearing Loss" at the Annual Conference for the Association for Research in Otolaryngology. A paper of the same name, co-authored by Davis along with **Dr. Roger P. Hamernik**, professor and director of the Auditory Research Laboratory, (not pictured) and **Dr. Wei Qiu**, senior research scientist, (not pictured) was accepted for publication in the Journal of Hearing Research.



Naromie Ganesh '99, assistant director of annual giving, won an honorable mention in the World Haiku Competition, The R.H. Blyth Award 2007.

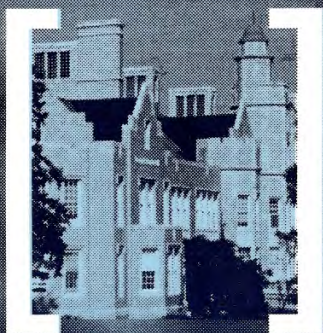


Undergraduate **Laura Perras '09** has published a chapter, "Turmoil," in a new book edited by Distinguished Teaching Professor **Dr. Richard Robbins** (not pictured) and SUNY Distinguished Professor **Dr. Mark Cohen** (not pictured). The book, titled "Darwin and the Bible: the Cultural Confrontation," was published by Penguin Academic Press and Pearson Publishers.



Dr. John Roemischer, a lecturer in the department of literacy education, has been invited to read a paper at the Oxford Forum, Oxford University, on July 20. His written papers have been published in the Analytic Teaching Journal and are presently under review for future issues.

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"Guys and Dolls" Tickets Going Fast

Tickets are going fast for the music and theater department's presentation of "Guys and Dolls: A Musical Fable of Broadway."

The student production will take place at 8 p.m., March 6 through 8, with a performance at 2 p.m. on March 9. All shows will be held in the Hartman Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building and will feature singing, acting, dancing and live musical accompaniment under the direction of Kim Hartshorn, stage director and Karen Becker, music director.

Tickets are on sale now. Call the Performing Arts Information Line at



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518-561-2283 for ticket prices and box office hours.

The show is sponsored by the Student Association through the Campus Arts Council. ☐

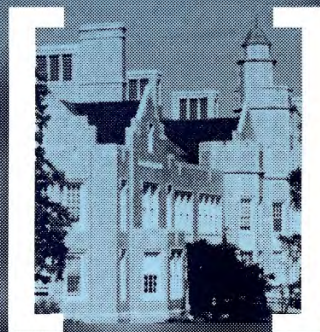
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- **Key Winds Trio Concert**, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2 to 4 p.m., Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Music faculty members Janine Scherline (clarinet) and Janice Kyle (oboe), together with David Carpenter (piano). Free.
- **Asian Studies Film Festival: "The Blossoming of Maximo Oliveros,"** Wednesday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m., Room 200, Yokum Hall. The story of a gay teenager, loyal to his family of criminals, who becomes close to a police officer and is forced to make difficult choices.
- **Coffeehouse: Special Guest Performers, Ryanhood**, Wednesday, Feb. 27, 8 to 10 p.m., WOW Café and Wingery, Angell College Center. Free.
- **Annual Health and Wellness Fair**, Thursday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. Free. Interactive displays, information and health checks. Blood sugar testing, \$5. Cholesterol screening, \$10.
- **Burghy's Backpack to Briefcase Series: Networking for Career Success**, Wednesday, March 5, 6 to 7 p.m., Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. Mini-seminar about developing networking skills. Free. Contact Michael Cashman, michael.cashman@plattsburgh.edu or 518-564-2592.
- **Visual Artist Series: Slide Lecture by Ron Fondaw, Sculptor**, 7:30 p.m., March 5, Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. Lecture will feature information on Fondaw's large-scale ceramic pieces.
- **Asian Studies Film Festival: Anne Cieko Presents**, Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m., Room 200, Yokum Hall. Cieko, of Amherst College speaks on films from Asian countries with lesser-known but still-thriving film industries.
- **CDPI Film Series and WRAP Session: "The Break Up,"** Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m., E. Glen Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Free. For information, contact Kristie Gonyea, 518-564-5410.

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Committee Offers Green Grants

Students have begun to change the way we do things on campus, and with the availability of Green Grants, they will have a chance to do even more.

Thanks to the Environmental Action Committee's work lobbying and getting the Green Fee approved, students have now raised \$14,659.50 to make our campus greener.

Comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrators, the newly formed Campus Committee for Environmental Responsibility is charged with allocating this money, helping to increase awareness and serving as a clearing house for green ideas. To fulfill this mission, the CCER has just opened up a Green Grant application process.

Anyone on campus may apply to receive a Green Grant. There is a catch, however. Because the money comes from students, all projects must have at least one student co-sponsor. Faculty co-sponsors are optional. In this way, students themselves will become the agents for change.

"The energy and passion that our students bring to this cause is tremendous," said President John Ettling. "The green grants will give them a way to put that power to work, making our campus an even better place to live, work and study."

In selecting the projects to fund, the CCER will look at ecological impact and project sustainability. Budgets should run between \$500 and \$7,500. Proposals must be thorough and detailed.

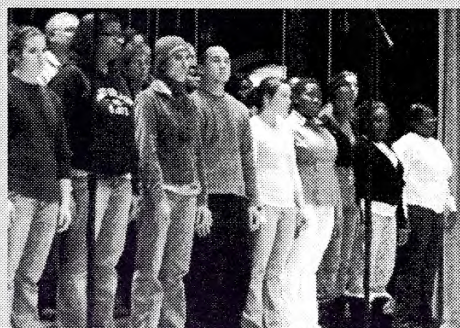
"We want to make sure that students are actually going to do the work," said CCER co-chair Sarah Wharton, a junior studying environmental science.

Due March 14, applications are available at the College Center desk or in the hall by Room 104, Hudson Hall.

For more information, e-mail CCER co-chair Dr. Timothy Mihuc at mihuctb@plattsburgh.edu.

"SUNY Plattsburgh is like the cultural center for the North Country," said Wharton. "We're starting to make it the environmental center as well." □

Choir to Bring Piece of SUNY Plattsburgh to Queens



Dr. Dexter Criss and members of SUNY Plattsburgh's Gospel Choir are about to embark on a unique recruitment effort as they head to Queens, N.Y., for spring break.

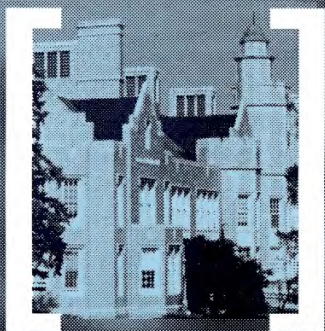
The group will be performing in a number of venues, most notably at the Campus Magnet High School in Queens. The choir, place and step dancers will all perform there. Then,

they will have an opportunity to talk to the students and tell them about the college.

"The principal and teachers are ecstatic to have us come," said Criss. "They are thanking us for coming."

Members of the choir are also excited about the trip, said Criss.

"We are practicing hard and perfecting what we do." □



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Event to Provide Students with Networking Opportunities

Students will have a chance to network with representatives from dozens of businesses and organizations during the 32nd annual Career Night on Thursday, April 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.

Career Night is one of the most important events that the Career Development Center sponsors, according to Carolyn Delcore, director of the center. The event can broaden student perspectives on career options.

"We expect representatives from business and industry, law enforcement, health care, media, human services and more," said Delcore.

Employers will share information on careers, employment and job placement for seniors.

There's still room for organizations that are willing to provide students with information on prospective career opportunities. Interested employers should contact the Career Development Center at 518-564-2071. ☐

Month's Featured Activities Focus on Local, National and Global Action

Thanks to the efforts of many, March is now a Month of Action at SUNY Plattsburgh.

A student committee made up largely of volunteers from the Service Corps has joined forces with the Environmental Action Committee, ONE, the Earth and Environmental Science Club, and academic departments. Together they've worked all year to organize a month filled with events - events that they're hoping will propel students to action.

"The overall idea of the Month of Action is to encourage students to be more involved in their community," said Dean Delano, Plattsburgh Service Corps coordinator. "This can include the campus, local, national, and global communities, and we've tried to include a blend of topics for this year's month of events."

"The events are all aimed at raising awareness in our campus community and inviting students to become knowledgeable and participating members of our campus and world," added Delano '02 G'07. "We're educating people about citizenship and empowering them to take an active part in our society."

Events that have already taken place have included a campus clean up, presentations by STOP Domestic Violence, a self-defense class and the showing of films followed by discussions that serve as a call to action.

Remaining events include the following:

- Alternative Spring Break trips, where students will take trips to help programs like Habitat for Humanity, Headstart, the Student Conservation Association, a therapeutic riding center, and a community center.
- A Food Waste Awareness campaign, in the dining halls, on March 24 and 31.



- "Bling - A Planet Rocks," a documentary in which rap artists, notorious for promoting "bling" talk to victims of the diamond trade. Sponsored by the Student Association, 8 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center, on March 24.
- "Who Kilowatt Hours," a film screening at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center, on March 25.
- Rock, Paper, Scissors Competition, a fun event sponsored by ONE to raise funds for charity, at 8 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center, on March 26.
- "Gay Days," a series of workshops, starting at 1 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center, on March 29.
- Earth Hour, a campaign to turn off electricity world wide for one hour, starting at 8 p.m., March 29.

The group is hoping to network with faculty even more next year, finding ways that action can be woven into the curriculum on campus.

For more information about the Month of Action, contact Delano at 518-564-4830 or Christine Ferricane at 914-715-8256. ☐

Robert Davis Appointed College Planning Coordinator

Dr. Robert Davis, senior research scientist at the Auditory Research Laboratories, has been appointed college planning coordinator by Provost Robert Golden.

The role of the college planning coordinator is to facilitate the college's strategic planning process now underway, serve as the point person for communicating this process to the campus, and chair the steering committee of the

College Planning Council. For the duties associated with this part-time role, Davis will report directly to the provost.

"I look forward to the unique opportunities and challenges associated with this new assignment, especially at a time when the college is developing a new strategic plan," Davis said. "I am happy to assist the college by assuming a role in our various planning activities."

Upon announcing the appointment, Golden said, "Bob is well suited for this role given his background and experience related to planning and assessment. He will provide the guidance necessary for the steering committee to fulfill its role of creating the agenda and direction for the entire College Planning Council and will be a key player in guiding the development of our strategic plan."

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Dr. Suzanne Hungerford, professor of communication disorders and sciences, presented two invited seminars at the South Carolina Speech Language Hearing Association Convention in Charleston this February. They were "The Role of Emotion in Communication" and "A Social-Pragmatic Approach to Selective Mutism."



Christine Johnson, assistant professor of communication, will be presented with a second-place award in the Open Category, Gender Issues Division, at the Broadcast Educators Association's conference in April for a paper she wrote, "Cinderella Unplugged: a Textual Analysis of Disney's Cinderella Archetypes."



Associate Professor Dr. Nancy Elwess and Adjunct Lecturer Sandra Latourelle have been awarded the NABT/ AD Instruments Technology Grant. The National Association of Biology Teachers and AD Instruments teamed up to award one grant, nationwide that would provide equipment, instruments and software.



To celebrate its recent designation as a national historic landmark district, The House of the Seven Gables in Salem, Mass., invited Dr. James M. Lindgren, professor of history, to speak on Feb. 27. His paper was titled, "Fostering Civic Pride, Boosting the Economy: The Two Sides of Historic Preservation in Twentieth-Century New England."

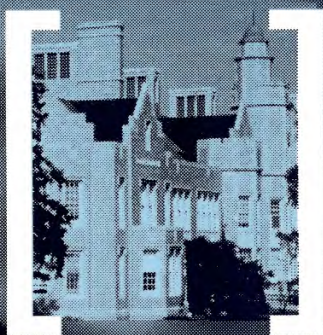


John Mockry '78 G'79, adjunct lecturer of sociology and criminal justice, received the Richard B. Lewis Award, the top award at the Fall Conference and Business Meeting of the Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State.



Dr. Mary Roden-Tice, professor of geology, has had a paper titled "Accessing the Role of Orogen-Parallel Faulting in Post-Orogenic Exhumation: Low-Temperature Thermochronology across the Norumbega Fault System, Maine," accepted for publication in the Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences. The article was coauthored with Dr. David West of Middlebury College and two undergraduate students, Jaime Potter '05, (SUNY Plattsburgh) and Nellie Barnard (Middlebury College).

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SEFA Drive Raises Record Funds

It was a record-breaking year for the college's fundraising efforts under the State Employees Federated Appeal, which is locally managed by the United Way

SUNY Plattsburgh exceeded its goal of raising \$52,000, with faculty and staff donating \$52,773 - the largest amount ever. Nearly 300 people contributed to the campaign. The average amount these individuals gave was \$179, which is also a record. In fact, SUNY Plattsburgh raised the largest amount for SEFA of any organization in Clinton County.

"SUNY Plattsburgh employees are generous," said President John Ettling. "Their support of the SEFA campaign is just one of many ways in which the faculty and staff make a big difference in our community."

SEFA provides a means for New York state employees to give to charitable organizations through payroll deductions and pledges. Its board of directors selects a wide variety of non-profits, adding them to a list from which employees can choose.

"You have absolute control over where your money goes," said Peter Luguri '73 G'80, director of first-year programs. "It's a wonderful way for the college to give back to the community at large, not only locally but nationally."

There were three co-chairs to this year's campaign: Luguri, Keyboard Specialist Cindy Fuller and Secretary for the Center for Canadian Studies Cherice Granger '06. Fuller and Granger were new to the campaign.

"Cindy and Cherice did a great job," said Luguri. □

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- **Women's Studies Forum on Gender and Migration, Post 9/11**, March 12, 6:30 p.m., Krinovitz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Dr. Shree Mulay, the former director of the McGill Centre of Research and Teaching on Women and a professor of medicine, will discuss gender and migration in North America, post 9/11. Topics will include legislating tolerance and gynephobia.
- **Coffeehouse**, March 12, 8 p.m., WOW Cafe and Wingery, Angell College Center. This free event will feature student acoustic performances. Coffee will be served, free of charge.
- **Women's Studies Forum on the Politics of Birth Control with Dr. Shree Mulay**, March 13, 12:30 p.m., Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. Mulay will discuss the politics of birth control and make the case for a paradigm shift.
- **Moving Toward the Future: Advancing the Education of Registered Nurses**, March 13, 5 p.m., Warren Ballroom, Angell College Center. Forum on proposed legislation requiring new RNs to earn a bachelor's degree within 10 years. Registration is \$16 for members, \$18 for non-members. The member discount applies to District 8 or Gamma Delta. For information, contact Debbie Zinser '03, 518-564-4227 or zinsersda@plattsburgh.edu.
- **Safety Classes for SUNY Plattsburgh Van Drivers**. The first of two classes required to drive a college van, a three-hour classroom-based lesson, will be offered at 9 a.m. on March 12; at 1 p.m. on March 18; and at 10 a.m. on March 21 and April 8, 16 and 24. Meet in the lobby of the service building on Sanborn Avenue. To register, call Gina Doty, 518-564-5011. To take the second class, a 1.5-hour, hands-on training, call 518-564-2121.

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National Issues Forum to Ask "Is American Democracy in Jeopardy?"

The Honors Program is gathering representatives from businesses, churches, government, high schools and the SUNY Plattsburgh community for a National Issues Forum on democracy.

"Is American Democracy in Jeopardy?" will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 12 in the Angell College Center.

This is not the first such forum on campus. The program has worked with the Kettering Foundation to sponsor others and foster dialogue in support of democracy. Students have moderated them as part of a 100-level seminar.

When upper-level students clamored for similar opportunities, Honors Program Director Dr. David Mowry put together another seminar, increasing the challenge to make it appropriate for experienced scholars. He invited participation from the Institute for Ethics in Public Life and the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion and worked with Assistant Professor of

Communication Dr. Lori Walters-Kramer to attach a new component through the American Democracy Project - Deliberative Polling. Developed by Dr. James Fishkin of Stanford, Deliberative Polling uses a social sciences approach to see how opinions change as people become engaged and informed. In it, participants are surveyed, given information and a chance to deliberate and then surveyed again. Care is taken to provide balanced materials and dialogue with competing experts.

"A goal is to get people together to talk who otherwise wouldn't talk to each other about these issues," said Walters-Kramer.

The changes in polling results can then be studied to help us understand what might happen if the general voting public had an opportunity to become more engaged and informed.

Those wanting to participate can call the Honors Center at 518-564-3075. □

SA Passes Resolution to Honor Custodial Staff

In a unanimous vote, the Student Association passed a resolution to honor the college's custodians through the establishment of a Custodial Staff Appreciation Day on April 8.

In its resolution, SA members wrote that the association wanted to pass this resolution, in part, because "the efforts of clean living and clean

learning environments are essential for higher learning" and that "the facilities have remained in superior condition due to the combined efforts of the entire custodial staff."

"The custodial staff are unsung heroes," said President John Ettling. "They ensure the smooth operation of our work at the college, and they help our campus remain an aesthetically

beautiful part of this community. I am proud that our Student Association is seeking to honor them through the establishment of a Custodial Appreciation Day."

The SA is asking for help making this day a success. They encourage all campus organizations to plan activities for the custodial staff who work in their area. □



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Clock Donated to Foundation

In February, Clinton County Surrogate Court Judge Kevin Ryan

presided over a ceremony unveiling a mercantile clock now on display in the Surrogate's Court.



The antique, crafted by a Vermont artisan in the mid-1800s, was donated to the College Foundation by attorney Robert T. Booth. It had been in his family for generations, making its way to Plattsburgh with John H. Booth, a first-generation attorney. From 1894 to 1906, John served as the county's Surrogate Judge. Prior to that, he established an office at 30 Clinton St. in Plattsburgh, where the clock was on display.

His son Robert C. Booth joined the practice in 1920, as did Robert C.'s son, Robert T. in 1948, working out of the same building. The clock continued to grace the wall until 1987 when the practice closed.

Robert T. donated the clock to the College Foundation so that it could take on its curatorial responsibility. It is now on loan to Clinton County. □

Presidents' Series Brings Two Notable Speakers to Campus

Two highly-renowned presenters - Dr. Kwame Anthony Appiah and Ray Suarez - are coming to campus as a part of the Presidents' Speaker Series and the American Democracy Project.

Ray Suarez

Suarez, the senior correspondent for the "NewsHour" with Jim Lehrer on the Public Broadcasting System, will give a talk titled "Diversity in Journalism" at 8 p.m., Monday, March 31, in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.



Suarez has an extensive background in journalism. In October 1999, he became a Washington-based senior correspondent to the "NewsHour" which can be seen locally on Mountain Lake PBS. Prior to that, he worked for National Public Radio where he served as host of the nationwide, call-in news program "Talk of the Nation" for six years.

He has also served as a correspondent for CNN, a producer for the ABC Radio Network and a reporter for CBS Radio and various other American and British news services. He currently hosts the monthly public radio foreign affairs series "America Abroad" for Public Radio International and is the narrator for "American Radio Works," the documentary unit of American Public Media.

He is the author of "The Holy Vote" and "The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration." He has also contributed to several other books including "Brooklyn: A State of Mind," "Local Heroes," "Saving America's Treasures," "Las Christmas," and "About Men." His writing has been published in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune and many other publications.

Both events are free and open to the public. □

Kwame Anthony Appiah

Appiah, a Princeton University professor, philosopher and author of many books on African and African-American culture and literary studies, will deliver a presentation titled "Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers" on Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.



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This presentation will focus on his book by the same name. It won the 2007 Arthur Ross Award of the Council on Foreign Relations and was described in the New Yorker as "a precise yet flexible ethical manifesto for a world characterized by heretofore unthinkable interconnection but riven by escalating fractiousness."

He is the author of "In My Father's House," a book which deals with the role of African and African-American intellectuals in shaping contemporary African cultural life. His other works include "Thinking It Through"; "The Ethics of Identity"; "Avenging Angel"; "Color Conscious: The Political Morality of Race" which he co-authored with Amy Gutmann; the Dictionary of Global Culture and the Africana encyclopedia which he co-edited with Henry Louis Gates Jr.; and "Bu Me Bé: Proverbs of the Akan" which he co-authored with his mother, Peggy Appiah.

New Transitions Workshop to Help Graduating Students Move from College to Career

Moving from college to career can be stressful for students. There are uncertainties about what is next; sad feelings about saying goodbye to close friends; and worries about finding employment.

Dr. Carol Shuttleworth, senior counselor at the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services, has seen many students struggle with such issues.

That's why Shuttleworth and Amy Daniels, an intern and a graduate student in the counselor education program, have put together a workshop titled, "Transitions: Making the Leap from College to Career." It will be a combination supportive group and psychoeducational workshop for graduating seniors and graduate students. Students who are unsure of their post-graduate plans are welcome.

"This workshop will allow students to explore their feelings and concerns about one of life's most important transitions: leaving college and joining the world of working adults," said Shuttleworth. "Students will also explore the nature and meaning of transitions in their lives."

Shuttleworth encourages faculty to mention this workshop to students who may be graduating. It is a three-part workshop, so students should plan to attend all three sessions. There can be some flexibility if students need to skip a week, however, said Shuttleworth.

"The students I hope to target are those graduating students who are aware that this is an important transition for them and would like some help in wrestling with the issues involved in saying 'goodbye' to one phase of life and preparing themselves psychologically for the next,"



said Shuttleworth. "In simpler terms, any student who is having a tough time with their upcoming separation from the college for whatever reason is encouraged to give the workshop a try."

The program will take place on Fridays, March 28, April 4 and April 11, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

If you know of students who would benefit from this program, encourage them to contact Shuttleworth at 518-564-3086. All calls will be treated confidentially. ☐

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Diane Fine, professor of art, had her work accepted into the On Paper II exhibit at the Promenade Gallery at The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford, Conn. The Bushnell accepted only 13 pieces from a pool of nearly 400 submissions. The exhibit runs through April 19



Chris Martine, assistant professor and curator of the SUNY Plattsburgh Herbarium, has been chosen as one of approximately 20 invitees to Michigan State University in April for a workshop on the curation of botanical specimen collections. The event is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. In coming months, Martine will also attend the 2008 Smithsonian Botanical Symposium in Washington, D.C., and the Annual Meeting of the Botanical Society of America in Vancouver, BC.

Dr. Linda A. Luck, professor of chemistry, has published two papers. One was published in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Education. It was titled "Molecular Modeling of the Estrogen Receptor Using Molecular Operating Environment" and co-authored by Dr. Urmi Roy from Clarkson University. The other was titled "Genetically Engineered Protein Films on Gold Nanoparticles: A Novel Electrochemical Glucose Biosensor" and was co-authored by Dr. Silvana Andreescu from Clarkson University. It was published in Analytical Biochemistry.

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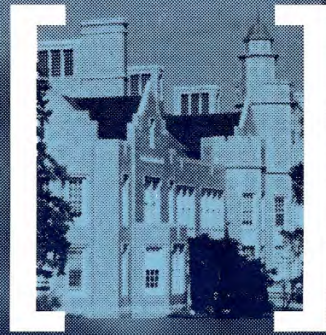
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- **French Film Festival**, 7 p.m. "Les Choristes" ("The Chorus"), March 24, Yokum 202; "La Grande Séduction" ("Seducing Dr. Lewis"), March 25, Yokum 202; "Prête-Moi Ta Main" ("I Do: How to Get Married and Stay Single"), March 26, Yokum 209; "Les Invasions Barbares" ("The Barbarian Invasion") March 27, Yokum 202; "Indigènes" ("Days of Glory"), March 28, Yokum 202.
- **Blood Drive**, March 25, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.
- **Creating an Effective Web Presence: Workshops for Newspaper Professionals**, March 28, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Free and open to the public, this event features professionals from The Syracuse Post Standard, Albany Times Union and the Burlington Free Press. For more information, contact Dr. Ron Davis, 518-564-2423 or ronald.davis@plattsburgh.edu.
- **Public Northcountry Planetarium Show: Are You Smarter Than a Third-Grader?** March 28, 7 p.m., Northcountry Planetarium, Hudson Hall. Tickets available at the Angell College Center information desk during the week of the show. Admission is \$2.
- **Kid's Nite Out**, March 29, 5 to 9 p.m., Memorial Hall. The women's basketball team will host this event for children ages six to 13. For information, contact Cheryl Cole at 518-564-4147.
- **Faculty Recital: Adjunct Lecturer Ellen Powell (Bass) with Guest Artist Lar Duggan (Piano) from Burlington**, March 29, 7:30 p.m., Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Concert of jazz standards and original tunes. Free.
- **Lecture by Mark Kurlansky**, March 29, 7:30 p.m., Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Kurlansky, a New York Times bestselling author, will lecture on his book, "Nonviolence: 25 Lessons from the History of a Dangerous Idea," copies of which will be available at the College Bookstore. Free.
- **"Public Safety: Commitment to Serve, Protect and Defend the Citizens of New York State,"** a presentation by Distinguished Visiting Alumnus Jack Van Steenburg '80, April 1, 4 p.m. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Van Steenburg is known as one of the country's leading experts on traffic safety.
- **32nd Annual Career Night**, April 3, 7 to 9 p.m., Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. Employers provide information on career and work-related opportunities for all students. For information, contact the Career Development Center at 518-564-2071.
- **School of Business and Economics Distinguished Guest Speaker Dr. Sunderesh Heragu**, will present "Design and Management of Global Supply Chains: The Next Frontier," April 4, 1:30 p.m., Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Heragu will discuss five companies with ties to India, Mexico, U.S. and Europe to show how they design and manage their supply chains.
- **Poetry Reading from "Autumn's Return to the Maple Pavilion,"** April 4, 7:30 p.m., Champlain Valley Hall Commons, Champlain Valley Hall. English Faculty member Michael Carrino '70 reads from his new book. Free.
- **Gibson Brothers Concert**, 7 p.m., E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Advance tickets are \$10 for students and \$18 for general admission and may be purchased at the Angell Center information desk; in the Office of Alumni Affairs, Room 113, Hawkins Hall; at Dick's Country Store in Churubusco; Bob's Music in Plattsburgh; and at Varin's Market & Deli in Ellenburg Depot. Tickets at the door are \$20.

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Students Receive Chancellor's Award

Six SUNY Plattsburgh seniors will receive the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence at a ceremony in Albany this April. They will be recognized for success in academics combined with success in athletics, leadership, community service or the arts.

Robert Abel, of Brewster, N.Y., is an anthropology major with a minor in French. He belongs to two honor societies and has won many awards and scholarships, including a Killam Fellowship and a Redcay Outstanding Senior Award.

Allison Busby is a food and nutrition major from New Paltz, N.Y. She considers the cross country team's second place performance at nationals this past fall to be her greatest achievement.

Melissa Kopp is a biology and chemistry major from Rouses Point. Her many awards include a listing in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She feels that her highest achievement is

recognition from the honors society Sigma Xi and the National Association for Biology Teachers for poster presentations of her scientific research.

Amber Lachapelle, a biochemistry major with a math minor from Plainville, Conn., is a member of several honor societies including Sigma Xi, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Society for Leadership and Success.

Christopher Morales, a biochemistry/computer science major from Altona, was the recipient of an Excellence in Biology Education award. This award was important to him because he believes in the importance of helping others to learn.

Zachary Warner, from Averill Park, N.Y., is a student in the combined bachelor and master degree program, majoring in mathematics and adolescence education. He has received many awards, including the Phi Eta Sigma National Leadership Award and the National Award of Accomplishment from the Society of Success. ☐ /

Ballrooms to Close in Spring and Summer of 2009

Renovations to the College Center will render the ballrooms unavailable for events after spring break 2009 until the fall semester of that year.

Because of renovations to the Sun-downer, meal services will be moved to the ballrooms for the last eight weeks of spring semester 2009. Over that summer, they will remain closed due to upgrades in the air handling systems.

The Flynt Commons will temporarily become a multipurpose room for events. When not used in this way, it will remain a student lounge with folding tables and chairs. This space can not be closed off to non-participants, however, and cannot accommodate every type of event.

Memorial Hall will also be taken off-line for no longer than a week in

order to accommodate the spring open house for Admissions.

Please plan ahead and keep space limitations in mind. If possible, avoid scheduling large-scale events during this timeframe. If you are scheduling an event that may be affected and need assistance, contact the Conference and Events Staff at College Auxiliary Services for assistance. ☐



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North Country SBDC Director Retires

The School of Business and Economics at SUNY Plattsburgh announced the retirement of Delena "Dee" Clark '97 G'01,



director of its North Country Small Business Development Center. She will be retiring to South Carolina.

Clark served as center director for seven years. In that time, she supervised the counseling of 2,169 North Country business clients and, in that capacity, helped create or save 1,168 jobs. These ventures have contributed more than \$28 million to the North Country economy.

"Dee will be missed. Few have the level of imagination and entrepreneurial spirit she brought to the center for the last seven years. Fortunately, her staff is skilled and competent, and we can expect them to continue on with all the projects she initiated," said Colin Read, dean of the SBE.

North Country SBDC Counselor Tony Maglione will assume the duties of interim director until a national search can be completed. □

Members of the SUNY Plattsburgh Community Start! Walking

SUNY Plattsburgh launched its Start! Walking Program April 1 with a group walk around the campus led by President John Ettling and Burghy.

Sponsored by the American Heart Association, Start! is the groundbreaking national campaign that calls on Americans and their employers to create a culture of physical activity and health to live longer, heart-healthier lives through walking.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to pick up a form from Cynthia Fregeau in Human Resources or get one from the Fitness Center and keep track of the number of miles they walk each day. They may estimate 20 minutes of walking to be a mile. Miles should be turned in at the end of the month so that everyone can see how far the community walked as a whole.

The college's Human Resources office will also offer a number of health and wellness forums throughout April:

- **Nutrition forum:** From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, in Room 219 of Ward Hall, nutrition students present information on how to lower fat and sugar intake as well as incorporate healthy foods into our diet.

- **Ergonomics forum:** From 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, in the Alumni Conference Room, CSEA Occupational Safety and Health Specialist Gary China will speak on office ergonomics and setting up work stations.

- **Posture and back issues forum:** From 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, April 14, in the Alumni Conference Room, Ken Baldwin, assistant professor in the Sport and Wellness Department will speak about how to "Analyze, Correct and Prevent Posture-Back Problems for the SUNY Office Faculty/Staff Member."



- **Mental wellness forum:** From 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, in the Alumni Conference Room, Christy Minck, assistant director of psychological services, will present a forum titled "Mental Wellness: What Is It and How Do I Improve It?" The talk will cover the defining of mental wellness, the connection between mental, emotional and physical health and techniques for achieving improved mental well being.

Following this month of wellness, a celebration will take place on Thursday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room of the Angell College Center. Everyone who participated in the Start! Walking Program will be invited to come and celebrate their healthier hearts with refreshments and prizes.

"Though I rarely utter these words, to clarify, this event is not a fundraiser," said Anne Hansen, vice president for Institutional Advancement and 2008 chair of the American Heart Association's Plattsburgh Heart Walk. "It is a program to build awareness of the benefits of walking and to increase the number of people who choose to walk for exercise. We hope to encourage people to join together with co-workers and have some fun fighting heart disease, the No. 1 cause of death in the United States."

For information, contact Fregeau, at Cynthia.Fregeau@Plattsburgh.edu, 518-564-5064 or Long at 518-643-9760, faith.long@heart.org. □

Endowment Honors Parents, Benefits Students

Accounting Professor Ed Lusk and his sister, Dr. Kathleen Lusk-Brooke, wanted to honor their late beloved parents in a way that would last well beyond their own time.

To that end, they established the "Florence and Ed Lusk Award of Accounting Excellence in Auditing" with a gift of \$25,000 to the Plattsburgh College Foundation. The endowment will support merit-based awards for senior accounting majors.

Lusk, who previously taught at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, decided against creating such

an award there when he found their minimum levels prohibitive.

"To fund a \$500 annual award at the University of Pennsylvania, they said it would take \$350,000," he said.

"I came here and approached (Vice President for Institutional Advancement) Anne Hansen, and she said to fund a \$500 unrestricted award would require an investment of \$10,000."

Lusk and his sister thought the \$10,000 level "was too low and inconsistent with the feelings we have for our parents ... so we increased it to \$25,000."

Doing so also allowed them to designate the scholarship specifically for gifted accounting students. Additionally, Lusk said that it sends a message of the importance of philanthropy to faculty and the public.

"I think faculty should consider creating these endowments to honor their loved ones. It's a rare opportunity to be at a high-quality institution and be able to afford to do this," he said. "... Giving is a commitment and a declaration of pride, in the person you're honoring and the institution you're giving to." □

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Dr. Gary Kroll, assistant professor of history, has published a book. "America's Ocean Wilderness: A Cultural History of Twentieth-Century Exploration." The book examines America's exploration of the ocean and the legacies of seven explorers.



Steve Matthews '90 G'94, dean of students, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the National Orientation Director's Association. His term will begin at the association's fall conference in Boston, Mass. this November. He will represent Region 9, serving New York, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.



Dr. Richard L. Schnell '71 G'72, SUNY distinguished service professor of counselor education, is being awarded the state's first Thomas Clawson Award for professional service and contributions to the mental health counseling profession at the New York State Mental Health Counselors Association Conference this month. In addition, Schnell recently had several poems published including "Around Each River Bend" in The Haiku Society of America Newsletter, "Rowin' in his Currach" in the Flower of Another Country: The Haiku Society of America Members' Anthology 2007, and "Briza Verii (Summer Breeze): Renku," in the Albatros: Revista Societati de Haiku din Constanta, Romania (the Magazine of the Constantza Haiku Society, Romania.) This last poem was a renku, linked verse written together with haiku poets from Japan, Romania, Croatia and the United States.



Adjunct Lecturer Sandra Latourelle '70 G'76 is the 2008 recipient of the Frederica Hollister Professional Educator's Award for the State of New York, granted by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honors society for women in education. According to the society, the award goes to "... the woman who has exemplified the best in education in New York State ... had considerable visibility ... and made a significantly positive impact on education in New York State and possibly at the national level ... Her contributions should be varied, widely known and should be well documented."

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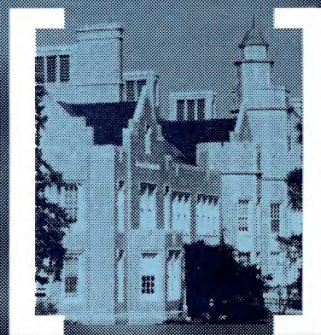
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>> NOTEBOOK

- **Ethics in the News Media Panel**, Tuesday, April 8, 12:30 p.m., Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. Free and open to the public. Features Stephanie Gorin and Gus Rosendale, anchors from WPTZ; Bob Grady '72, editor-in-chief, and Lois Clermont, news editor, from the Press-Republican; Ryan Hutchins, editor-in-chief, and Michelle Besaw, news editor, from Cardinal Points; and Dr. Jonathan Slater and Shawn Murphy, associate professors from the Center for Communication and Journalism. For more information, contact Murphy at 518-564-2422.
- **Visual Artist Series: lecture by painter and drawing artist Mark Sheinkman**, Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.
- **Singer/Songwriter Jessica Sonner**, Wednesday, April 9, 8 p.m., WOW Café and Wingery, Angell College Center. Free and open to the public.
- **SUNY Plattsburgh Contemporary Combo**, Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., Irises Café. For information, contact Stephanie Pfaff, 518-564-2243.
- **"Sustaining the Worlds Wetlands, especially Great Lakes and Lake Champlain wetlands," a seminar by Dr. Richard Smardon**, Thursday, April 10, 12:30 p.m., Room 106, Hudson Hall. For more information contact Dr. Timothy Mihuc at 518-564-3039.
- **Public Northcountry Planetarium Show: The Lighthearted Astronomer**, Friday, April 11, 7 p.m. Northcountry Planetarium, Hudson Hall. Tickets are available at the College Center desk the week of the show. \$2.
- **National Issues Forum: "Is American Democracy in Jeopardy?"** Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Angell College Center. For information contact the Honors Center, 518-564-3075 or e-mail Dr. David Mowry at david.mowry@plattsburgh.edu.
- **Champlain Valley Oratorio Society and the SUNY Plattsburgh Choral Union, "The Great American Songbook: Music of Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and Cole Porter,"** 8 p.m. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Tickets available at door, from CVOS members, at the Cornerstone Bookshop or at Myers Pharmacy. General admission is \$17; senior citizens or students pay \$12; and children five and under pay \$5. SUNY Plattsburgh students pay \$2 at the College Center desk. For information, contact Stephanie Pfaff, 518-564-2243.
- **"The Road West from Plattsburgh: Pushes and Pulls,"** a presentation by Distinguished Visiting Alumnus David Nicandri '70, Tuesday, April 15, 4 p.m., Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.
- **"Controversies over the 2008 Beijing Olympics,"** Wednesday, April 16, 4:30 p.m., Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. For more information, contact Dr. Connie Shemo at 518-564-2739.
- **Symphonic Band Concert**, Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Free. For information, contact Stephanie S. Pfaff, 518-564-2243.
- **Visiting Artist: Keni Thomas**, Thursday, April 17, 8 p.m., Warren Ballroom, Angell College Center. Tickets available at the College Center desk for \$2. Free for all SUNY Plattsburgh students.
- **Take Back the Night**, Friday, April 18, 5 p.m. Krinovitz, Hawkins Hall. For more information, contact Connie Oxford at oxfordcg@plattsburgh.edu or 518-564-4228.
- **Karen Becker and Friends: "Old Friends and New Friends,"** Saturday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Dr. Karen Becker, assistant professor of music, (piano) is joined by guest artists Daisy Jopling, from Great Britain (violin), and Ann Ellsworth, from New York City (French horn). Free and open to the public. For information, contact Stephanie Pfaff, 518-564-2243.

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Holocaust Survivor Coming to Campus

SUNY Plattsburgh will be marking Holocaust Remembrance Week with an appearance by Montreal author and Holocaust survivor Hermann Gruenwald on Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m., in Yokum Hall Room 202.

Gruenwald, author of "After Auschwitz: One Man's Story," will show a video of his recent trip to the Auschwitz death camp and share reflections about his experiences.

"The campus has a tradition of commemorating the Holocaust," said Provost Dr. Robert Golden. "Our mission as an educational institution compels us to teach our students about and remind the community of the horror of the Holocaust and of the continuing existence of genocide in the contemporary world."

Hermann Gruenwald's visit to Plattsburgh State is being sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, the Faculty of Arts and Science and Plattsburgh State Hillel. It is part of a week of activities including:

- SUNY Plattsburgh's 15th Annual Holocaust Commemoration service on Tuesday, April 29 at 12:30 p.m. in Feinberg Library's Holocaust Memorial.

- "The installation of "Kaddish in Wood," on Wednesday, April 30, at 4 p.m., also in Feinberg Library's Holocaust Memorial. This event features a piece of artwork donated to SUNY Plattsburgh by Adirondack artist Dr. Herb Savel.

- A showing of "I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life and Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal," on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. A faculty-led discussion will follow the film about survivor and Nazi-hunter Wiesenthal.

All of these events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Jonathan Slater at 518-564-2284. □

SUNY Plattsburgh Seal Finds Home on Tulane Quilt



SUNY Plattsburgh's seal has found a proud home on

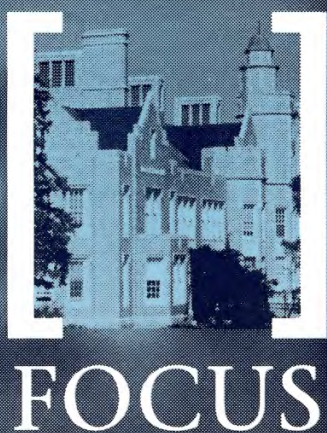
a quilt in Tulane University's Lavin-Bernick Center. The quilt is made

out of seals and logos from the colleges and universities that accepted displaced students after Hurricane Katrina.

In 2005, shortly after the hurricane, SUNY Plattsburgh welcomed three such students from the University of New Orleans, Tulane University and Xavier University.

These students were just preparing for their first day of classes at their respective colleges when Katrina barreled in from the Gulf Coast.

Noting the urgency to act quickly, SUNY Plattsburgh opened its doors and waived tuition for the students, who weren't able to come until at least a week into the semester. □



Conference to Explore Effects of No Child Left Behind Legislation

The college's education program and the North Country Teacher Resource Center are hosting a conference titled "Teaching, Testing and Taking Action" on Saturday, April 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 202 of Yokum Hall. The conference will explore the changes to schools under the federal No Child Left Behind legislation and the increased emphasis on testing. It will look at the impact on students and teachers, offering participants an opportunity to share their experiences.

Keynote presentations will be offered by Dr. William Cala, a former teacher, principal, and school superintendent, and by long-time teacher and author Susan Ohanian.

Please contact Doug Selwyn, at 518-564-5138 or Diane Bonenfant at 518-564-5000, to register, or for more information. □

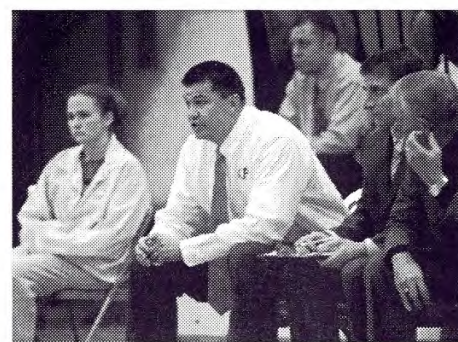
Cardinal Coaches Best Among Peers

Kevin Houle of women's ice hockey was named the NCAA Division III national coach of the year for the third season in a row by the American Hockey Coaches' Association, and Tom Curle was selected the State University of New York Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Coach of the Year for the second time in as many years.



Houle led Plattsburgh State to a 25-3-1 record on the way to capturing the NCAA women's hockey national championship for the second year in a row. The Cards were also ranked No. 1 for most of the season as they took home their fifth-straight Eastern College Athletic Conference West Division regular-season crown and set an NCAA all-divisions record with a 35-game unbeaten streak. Houle owns a 121-19-7 record in five seasons at the school and is the winningest active coach, men's or women's, in NCAA all-divisions with an .847 percentage.

Meanwhile, on the hard court, Tom Curle led the Cardinals men's



basketball team to a historic season: running the table in SUNYAC competition (16-0 regular season and 3-0 conference tournament), three SUNYAC championships in a row, 27-3 record for most victories in a season and a school-record-tying 20-game win streak. In addition, the team made its third NCAA tournament appearance in a row for another school benchmark, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen. Plattsburgh - the only men's team in the nation to go undefeated in regional play at 20-0 - finished No. 13 in the national rankings, peaking as high as No. 7, and was listed in all 16 polls by D3hoops.com. Curle is 97-47 for a .674 win percentage in five years at the helm. □

Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Honors Campus Community

The Plattsburgh Campus Community Coalition was recognized as an innovative program at the North Country Consortia's 25th Anniversary Celebration, an event held by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse this December.

The coalition was recognized for its work in uniting diverse and dedicated individuals under the goal of providing the best quality of life for campus and community residents. Many of its activities focused on the education and prevention of alcohol-related issues. These activities includ-

ed the improvement of protective factors and simultaneous diminishing of campus-community risk.

The coalition has worked to create opportunities, change norms and support constructive legislation. For instance, the coalition was instrumental in planting the seeds for the bar and tavern owners association to address the mutual interests of best business practices and patron safety and responsibility.

SUNY Plattsburgh was also recognized for its involvement with the region's College Prevention Program for more than five years. □

Music Department Presents Karen Becker and Friends

On Saturday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m., the department of music will present "Old Friends and New Friends" as part of the guest artist recital series, Karen Becker and Friends.

The concert will take place in E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall and will feature pianist Dr. Karen Becker performing with visiting guest artists Daisy Jopling (violin) and Ann Ellsworth (French horn). Included in the program will be the "Quantz Horn Concerto" in E flat for soprano horn and Debussy's "L'Isle Joyeuse."

In her third year as assistant professor of piano, Becker continues

to shine as one of the region's most popular performing artists. In addition, she has recently given recitals in New York City; Denver, Colo.; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Cairo, Egypt. In Egypt she was a featured artist on the Ewart Hall Concert series and conducted master classes at American University.

Jopling spent the last 12 years living in Vienna and touring the world with the creative string trio, Triology. Her solo work has included playing a concerto in the Royal Albert Hall in London at the age of 14 and playing at the opening of the Vienna Festival in May 2005. She participated in writ-

ing the music for many films, including two in Hollywood. Jopling is currently recording an album with her new band, Foreign Xchange.

Ellsworth is the solo horn player with Kristjan Jarve's Absolute Ensemble, Manhattan Brass, Graham Ashton Brass Ensemble and the alternative horn group Confluence. She performs with such pop artists as Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross, Shakira and Chaka Khan and records for film and television. An active soloist and chamber musician, she tours regularly in Europe and the United States with broadcasts on NPR and PRI. □

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Dr. Anna Battigelli, professor of English, has been awarded a James Osborn Fellowship at Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book Room and Manuscript Library for March 2009. Battigelli has also been invited to share work from her book-in-progress on John Dryden and Catholicism at Harvard's Humanities Center on May 2.



Dr. Gary Brannigan, professor of psychology, published the first of three scheduled articles for parents and teachers in the March issue of a new online journal, *Strategies for Successful Learning*. The journal is sponsored by Learning Disabilities Worldwide and appears on their Web site ldworldwide.org. The article is titled "How Can Learning Problems Affect Children Emotionally?"



Dr. Kathleen Camelo, director of the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services, has been elected president of the SUNY Health Council for the next three years. The council is an organization of SUNY health center directors and staff from across the state.

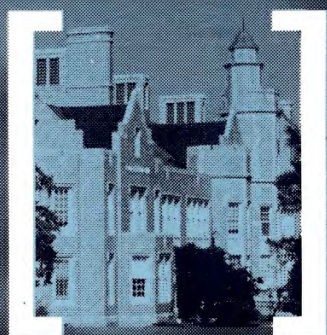


Spanish translation rights to "Black Magic Woman," a novel by Communication Studies Professor **Dr. J. Justin Gustainis**, have been sold to Barcelona-based publisher Timun Mas.



Dr. William Pfaff, assistant professor of music, gave a presentation at the Tuesday Reflections series on April 8. His paper, "Listening for Patterns in 20th Century Music: Stravinsky, Cage, Sessions and Pfaff," included listening to short compositions by each composer. Pfaff offered insights about the form of each piece and how general principles can be applied across divergent music styles. In addition, Pfaff's composition, "A Prayer for Peace," was selected for performance at the College Music Society Super-Regional Conference in Gettysburg, Pa., this April. The work, for violin and cello, was performed by members of the Eaken Piano Trio: John Eaken, violin and Andrew Rammon, cello.

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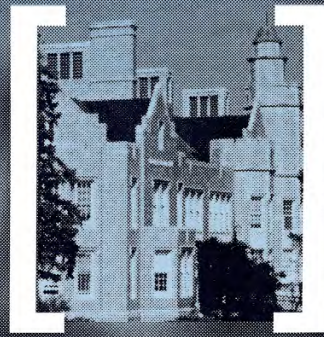
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- Lecture and performance of Mozart's Viola Quintet by guest artists, the Biava Quartet and Soovin Kim, (viola), Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Free.
- Northcountry Planetarium Show: "Introduction to the Cosmos," Friday, April 25, 7 p.m., Northcountry Planetarium, Hudson Hall. Tickets are available the week of the show at the Angell College Center desk, \$2.
- The Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Plattsburgh State Field House. \$2 for adults; children 12 and under free. For information contact Scott Johnson at 518-564-4321.
- Piano Master Class, featuring guest artist Helen Huang (piano) and students from the studio of Dr. Karen Becker, Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m., E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.
- Champlain Valley Regional Science Fair, Saturday, April 26, 12:30 - 2 p.m., Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.
- SUNY Plattsburgh Senior Voice Recital, Jessica Loughman (soprano), Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m., Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Free.
- Chamber Ensembles Concert, Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Free.
- Sinfonia Chamber Ensemble Concert, Wednesday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Free.
- Faculty Panel Discussion Series on Debt, Thursday, May 1, 4 p.m., Alumni Conference Room. Topics include average family debt, ballooning national debt, bankruptcy reform and credit cards.
- Bridging the Divide: Feminism and Politics, Thursday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.
- 14th Annual Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, Friday, May 2, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Angell College Center. \$50 for professionals and \$40 for students, for family caregivers and for three or more individuals from the same organization. Contact Kate Chilton to register at 518-564-3054. For questions regarding the conference, contact Kenna LaPorte 518-564-3370.
- Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research Symposium, Friday, May 2, 1 p.m., Beaumont Hall lobby. For information, contact Dr. Chris Martine at 518-564-5277.
- Department of Music Senior Voice Recital featuring Vega Dunsmore (soprano), Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m., Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Free.
- Department of Music Guitar Concert, Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Free. Tickets are required and may be picked up at the Angell College Center desk. Limited seating.

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Ceremony to Honor Golden, Sloan

In addition to honoring the more than 1,000 students due to graduate in the spring and summer of this year, commencement ceremonies at the Plattsburgh State Field House on May 17 will feature awards Dr. Robert Golden and for Douglas Sloan '91.

Golden (pictured left) will receive the 2008 Distinguished Service Award.

The College Council chose him for this honor, citing his "quiet, steady leadership" as helping to restore the college's vitality and increase enrollments. The council's resolution also cites him for encouraging the revitalization of curriculum, the development of new programs, the establishment of agreements with foreign universities and the transformation of the college's extension at Adirondack Community College into a branch campus.

"Bob Golden's unassuming, approachable manner, his willingness to involve others in the planning process and his genuine foresight have helped the college to become what it is today - a

thriving institution with unique, cutting-edge programs," said College Council Chair Donald Garratt '57 G'59.

Sloan will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. This award honors alumni who have exemplified the college's tradition of excellence and brought credit to the college through personal accomplishments, professional achievement or humanitarian service.

"Doug served as a member of the Alumni Association for 11 years. His strong leadership skills were recognized early on by the board nominating him to five of the 11 years as president. Whether in his role here or his career, Doug has come to represent a level of excellence in all he does," said Rose Anderson '95, director of alumni affairs.

Sloan works as a director with the Deutsche Bank of the Americas in New York City. He holds degrees from Boston University, Bentley College and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of Tufts and Harvard Universities. □

Derr to Retire after 43 Years of Service to the College



Sharon Derr '90 G'97 may be retiring from her job as assistant director of graduate admissions, but she is

not saying goodbye to the college.

"I don't like goodbyes. They're too final," said Derr.

Derr, who started working for the college just after high school, said walking through the door on her last day of work will be difficult. After all, she and the college grew up together.

In her time here, she has seen almost half of the buildings on campus erected, and she has worked with many of the people whose names now inhabit the walls:

President George Angell - Angell College Center; Willard Flynt - Flynt Commons; Edward "Doc" Redcay - Redcay Hall; and more.

Derr is looking forward to her new life and will be getting married and remodeling her house, but she will be back and will likely even get to partake in some of the on-campus events she couldn't in the past. □



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All Points North Makes Leap to World of Print

The online journal published quarterly by SUNY Plattsburgh students, **All Points North**, www.apn-mag.com, is making the leap from the digital to the print world with a new issue that is scheduled to come out this month.

The journal covers the people, destinations, and culture of the North Country - broadly defined as stretching from Quebec, Canada, to Albany, N.Y., to Burlington, Vt.

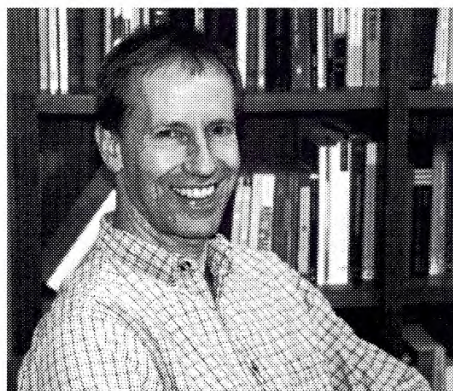
Promising its readers a fresh package, the new print version will be an expansion of its online sister.

Published once a year, it will give students hands-on experience, designing and producing a print magazine, said All Points North Print Advisor Gretel Schueller, an associate professor of journalism.

"These are not skills they really practice when they work on the online magazine or even for the college newspaper [Cardinal Points]."

Contact Schueller at schuellgh@plattsburgh.edu to request a free copy of the premiere print issue of All Points North. ☐

Institute for Ethics Brings Together Bioethics, Nursing, Political Studies



Three faculty members and three completely different takes on the study of ethics - that's what you'll find at the Institute for Ethics in Public Life this semester.

Dr. Jose de Ondarza, associate professor of biology (pictured above), is focusing on bioethics.

Striving to better understand ethics theory led him to explore this field at an interesting time in history, with modern advances like stem-cell cloning creating controversies. He has been looking at such matters from both scientific and societal perspectives and is now putting together a course in bioethics using a case-study approach.

"I would like to stimulate people to think critically, not just to take what they read in a book or on the computer or what a professor says at face value," said de Ondarza.

Anne Bongiorno, (not pictured) an associate professor in the nursing department, is basing her work on "Symphonology: Ethical Decision Making in Nursing and Health Care" by James and Gladys Husted. She's used this text before, even working on teacher's guide to the it.

Symphonology is a systematized approach to good decision making, not just in nursing but in any field, according to Bongiorno.

Only 40 percent of nursing graduates stay in the field. As a result, one

item on her very ambitious "to do" list is to look into the idea that a decrease in moral stress through the teaching of Symphonology could result in an increased number of nurses staying in the field. To find out, she intends to go into the work place to research this hypothesis.

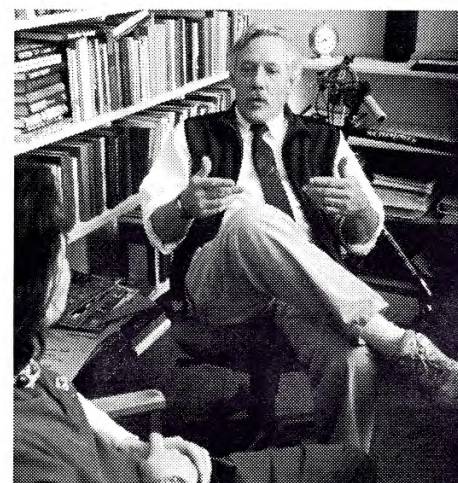
She is also working on a national survey of all 600 accredited American colleges of nursing, looking at how ethics are taught, how nursing ethics are taught and how issues intersect with race, gender and socioeconomic class.

Dr. Thomas Konda, associate professor of political science, has been studying racial gerrymandering, in terms of its ethical and political impacts.

"It's not as well known but in the same tradition of other methods used since reconstruction to diminish the impact of the black vote," said Konda.

Konda is looking at how districts have been drawn and redrawn, first to split up the African-American vote and then to unite that very same voting block in an attempt to right past wrongs.

Konda intends to use his research to develop a curriculum for a new honors class, which will allow students an in-depth look at race and politics.



Campus Alcohol, Drug Data Shows Downward Trends

Faculty and staff at SUNY Plattsburgh have been working to reduce the rate of drug and alcohol abuse among students for years now, and according to the 2007 CORE survey, the rates may still be higher than the college would like them to be, but efforts to address the issues are paying off.

As the familiar ad campaign from the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services indicated, in 2004, most students consumed four or fewer alcoholic drinks per week. In fact, 52.4 percent of SUNY Plattsburgh students reported drinking "four or fewer" in 2004. And that number has increased to 54.5 percent.

Overall alcohol usage has also gone down even further for those

students, namely freshmen, who through orientation and the first-year program have had the most exposure to the programs. The same is true for illicit drug use in nearly every category. (See graph.)

"We are pleased to see the downward trends in the data. Effecting

behavioral change is a difficult task. The fact that we see incremental improvement shows that we are on the right track," said Dr. Kathleen Camelo, center director.

Among the efforts underway are:

- An alcohol screening day with confidential screenings.
- Counseling services.
- A survey of students before they get to college, which helps focus programming on specific needs.
- A peer-to-peer program that includes "Four or Fewer"/ "Work Hard Play Smart" campaigns, utilizing students to educate others.
- Fraternity and Sorority Life's Risk Management Summit Program.
- Training for Intervention Procedures for fraternity and sorority members. □

Percent of Students Using Substances			
Substance	2004	2007	Change
Marijuana	31.8	27	-4.8
Alcohol	84.6	79.8	-4.8
Tobacco	34.4	29.7	-4.7
Sedatives	5.3	3.7	-1.6
Designer Drugs	2	0.8	-1.2
Cocaine	5.7	5.2	-0.5
Steroids	0.6	0.2	-0.4
Hallucinogens	3.3	2.9	-0.4
Opiates	1.6	1.4	-0.2
Inhalants	1.2	1	-0.2
Amphetamines	4.9	5.2	0.3
Other Drugs	1.8	2.3	0.5

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Dr. Isabel Arredondo, associate professor of Spanish, received a Fulbright grant to go to Venezuela this fall to research Venezuelan filmmaker Diego Risquez. Arredondo will also be a visiting scholar at McGill University's Center for Research and Teaching on Women during spring 2009. There she will examine the work of pioneer filmmaker Juliet Rublee and her film, "Flame of Mexico."



Dr. Monica Ciobanu, assistant professor in the department of sociology and criminal justice, was an invited panelist at the symposium "1989 and Beyond: The Future of Democracy," organized by Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research.



Cathy Moulton '79, director of housing and faculty advisor to Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority, received the Faculty Advisor of the Year Award from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Cathy has served as the advisor to this organization for 19 years, the longest period of time of any advisor.



Dr. David Mowry, director of the Honors Program, received the Dr. Eldridge W. Roark Jr. Faculty/Professional Staff Leadership Award on April 26. As the founder of the Honors Program, his high level of involvement improving the academic lives of students by granting advanced educational opportunities was acknowledged.

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Brohel Retires as Director of the Plattsburgh State Art Museum



After 30 years and 10,000 works of art, Ed Brohel has hung his last painting as

Plattsburgh State Art Museum director.

The Plattsburgh State icon is retiring at the end of June, and although his voice is softer and his gait a little slower, he is still very much the captain of a ship that navigated a sometimes stormy sea in the quest for art appropriation.

"It's been enriching being here, being able to do what I liked to do and contribute to the welfare of the college," Brohel said from his office that looks out onto one of his accomplishments, the Nina Winkel Sculpture Court.

Other contributions have included steering the transformation of the Rockwell Kent Gallery, a world-class repository of many of Kent's works;

the Slatkin Room; and the creation of the Museum Without Walls, which incorporates art across campus.

When Brohel arrived on campus, the college's collection of art consisted of less than 500 pieces. Today, the collection boasts 10,000 pieces.

It was the presence of Kent's work that propelled the college "into the major league," Brohel said. "The fact that the Kent collection was here is what brought other things to campus. It showed Nina Winkel we could do the job. It showed Regina Slatkin we could do the job."

Although looking forward to retirement, Brohel said he'll miss work.

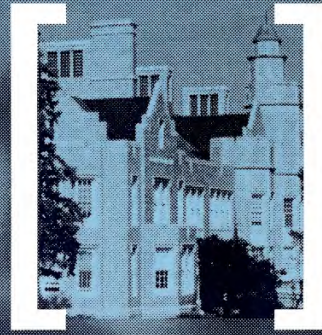
"It's what I love doing," he said. "But you reach the point where things are becoming repetitive. Maybe something that catches my imagination will come along, and I'll pick up on that." □

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- **Gospelfest 2008**, Saturday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Featuring special guests, the Plattsburgh State Alumni Choir and the Jubilee High School Choir from Burlington, Vt.. Students, \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. General admission, \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children five and under, free.
- **2008 Spring Commencement Ceremonies**, Field House Gymnasium. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. for students majoring in education, health and human services, as well as business and economics. 2 p.m. for students in the arts and sciences.
- **SUNY Plattsburgh Planning Day**, May 19, 8:30 a.m. - noon, Room 200, Yokum.
- **EXPLORE: 31st Heart Teaching Day**, Thursday, May 29, 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. Students \$50. Professionals \$90. For more information, contact Kate Chilton '76 at 518-564-3054.
- **NCAA Division III Softball Regional Championship Tournament**, May 8-12, Cardinal Park, near the Field House. For more information when it becomes available, log on to www.plattsburgh.edu/athletics/cardathletics/.
- **MCAT Review**, Monday, May 25 - Saturday, May 31, Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center, and Room 108, Feinberg Library. For information, contact Kate Chilton '76 at 518-564-3054.

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Stein Becomes College's New Provost



Dr. Jay Stein, founding director for the Center for Health and the Built Environment, College of Design, Construction and Planning at the University of Florida, became SUNY Plattsburgh's new provost this July.

College President John Ettling said he was pleased to have Stein on board.

"He brings a wealth of talent not only in his field of study but most importantly as a leader in academia," said Ettling.

Stein, himself, says that he has been impressed by the college.

"I have met many outstanding faculty, staff and students," he said. "I think we can be a very effective team in enhancing the quality of an already first-rate college."

At the University of Florida, Stein served as a professor, chair and dean, in addition to his most recent directorship. He also worked as the interim dean for the School of Architecture and Planning and as professor and chair of the Department of Planning and Design at SUNY Buffalo.

He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from SUNY Binghamton, his master's degree in political science from York University and his doctorate in urban and regional planning from the University of Michigan.

Stein looks forward to immersing himself in the challenges and opportunities currently in front of the college but already has some ideas and initiatives he would like to explore with the community.

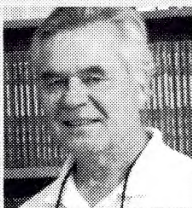
"I have always enjoyed being involved in educational experiences that span the traditional boundaries of our disciplines. As provost, I would hope to encourage more interdisciplinary collaboration at Plattsburgh," he said.

"I have also been very involved in green, sustainability issues at Florida. I know that Plattsburgh has a rich tradition in environmental studies, and, as provost, I would encourage a stronger focus on sustainability in the curriculum, the campus and our community." □

Armstrong Promoted to Distinguished Teaching Professor

Dr. James Armstrong, chair of anthropology, was promoted to SUNY distinguished teaching professor, a rank above profes-

sor. He was one of just nine faculty members in the entire SUNY system to receive the honor this year.



"Jim has done SUNY Plattsburgh proud in receiving this award," said President John Ettling.

Armstrong, whose portrait will be unveiled this fall, said he is humbled by the honor.

"I gauge my success on the achievements of my students in the classroom and after graduation; that is the greatest reward for me," he said.

"Dr. Armstrong makes you feel like a participant in the learning experience, he doesn't just lecture at you," said Larry Dolan '07, a graduate student and one of the many who speak well of Armstrong.

Armstrong recognized the impact of his colleagues on his teaching.

"I'm surrounded by dozens of models and mentors who have helped me grow and become a better teacher," he noted. □



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Esposito Takes Reins at Art Museum



Cecilia Esposito, a 1977 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate, has become the new director of the Plattsburgh State Art Museum. She

has taken the place of Edward Brohel who retired this summer after 30 years of service.

The move is a comfortable one for Esposito, who once served as the executive director of the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls and of the Gallery Association of New York State in Hamilton, N.Y.

Esposito feels strongly about the role of the museum as educator. She envisions a future where teachers from all fields and levels use the collections to enhance curricula.

"Ceil brings with her a depth of experience in her field, in addition to a familiarity with the Plattsburgh State Museum and its workings and a vision for the future," said President John Ettling. "We are fortunate to have her." □

Six Faculty Earn Chancellor's Awards

Six faculty members have been honored with SUNY Chancellor's Awards.

Peter J. Ensel III '80, an associate professor and the communications chair, received the



Excellence in Teaching Award.

"His effectiveness as a teacher and mentor is shown through the number of his students who win awards, secure competitive internships and establish successful and satisfying careers in their field," said President John Ettling.

Dr. George Flynn, a professor of mathematics and physics, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in



Scholarship and Creative Activities.

Flynn is an established researcher. An expert on asteroid strength and the danger asteroids present to earth, he and fellow researcher Dr. Daniel Durda have presented their research on the History, Canadian Broadcasting and National Geographic channels.

"Dr. Flynn is not only significantly engaged in research himself but has encouraged young scientists in the development of their research," said Ettling.

Dr. Tracie Church Guzzio, an associate professor of English, received the Excellence in Teaching Award.



"Former students who have become teachers write that they attempt to apply in their classrooms and relationships with their students what they learned about teaching from her," said Ettling.

Dr. Gary M. Kroll, an assistant professor of history, received the Excellence in Faculty Service Award.



Ettling noted that Kroll's record of service "is truly exceptional for someone who

has been at SUNY Plattsburgh for only the last seven years ... In all three areas of teaching, scholarship and service, Dr. Kroll has already created an enviable resume."

Kroll has played critical roles developing the current history/social studies program for adolescence education and in campus environmental activities.

Peter Russom received the Excellence in Teaching Award.



This associate professor and art chair is an accomplished artist whose works have appeared in exhibits in at least a dozen states and Canada.

Russom brings that art to students, helping them discover their own talents.

"He works equally effectively with intermediate and advanced students, with students majoring in art and those taking only a few courses and with the naturally talented and those struggling to express themselves," said Ettling.

Student claims that he is an excellent teacher are reinforced by the high number of his students who get accepted into Master of Fine Arts programs.

Matthew E. Salvatore received the Excellence in Professional Service Award.



Salvatore oversees the Plattsburgh State Fitness Center. He helped design the new fitness and wellness leadership program, opening this fall. In addition, he teaches courses in his field and will offer more under the new major.

He has served on many campus committees and volunteers at the Samuel S. Vilas Home, helping senior citizens increase strength and flexibility.

"Mr. Salvatore has established a reputation on this campus as an active citizen of our community and an extremely competent director of the Fitness Center," said Ettling. □

Martin Mannix Appointed to ~~Chair~~ the College Council

Martin D. Mannix Jr. has been appointed to the College Council by Governor David Paterson.

"I am deeply honored ..." said Mannix. "I've had a long love affair with the college, dating back to when I started as a student in 1961.

"I look forward to serving on the College Council and being of whatever assistance I may be to an institution to which I am deeply committed."

Mannix is a native of Plattsburgh and a 1964 graduate of the college. As a student, he served as very first president of the Student Association.

A member of many boards and committees, Mannix serves on the Town of Plattsburgh Town Board and as chair of the Clinton County Democratic Party. He is a past president of the Plattsburgh Lions Club and the Rotary Club (noon), of which he is

still a member. He has also dedicated himself to many charitable causes.

Mannix retired in 2004 as vice president of Northern Insuring Agency Inc.

"Marty will make a wonderful addition to the College Council," said President John Ettling. "His insight and experience will be a great asset to the college and our efforts to fulfill our mission." □

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Dr. Linda A. Luck '80, professor of chemistry, presented a poster, titled "Genetically Engineered Protein Films on the Quartz Crystal Microbalance: A Biosensor for the Detection of Xenoestrogens," at the 235th American Chemical Society Meeting in New Orleans. The paper was co-authored by undergraduates **Adam Layhee** and **Dave Abramowitz** and other coauthors from the Silent Spring Institute in Newton, Mass.



Dr. Thomas A. Rumney, professor of earth and environmental science, presented a paper, titled "New York's Soybeans: From Nothing to Something Since 1980," at the annual meetings of the Association of American Geographers this spring in Boston.



Dr. Taher Zandi, SUNY distinguished service professor and director of the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center, was presented with a 2007 Exemplary Service Award by the statewide Third Age Committee at the 17th Annual Third Age Provider's Conference this May. Zandi also served as keynote speaker at a conference, titled "Living Well with Dementia," in June. The conference was sponsored by the New York State Department of Health Dementia Grants Program.

Three undergraduate geology and environmental science students gave poster presentations at the Northeastern Section Meeting of the Geological Society of America. **Courtney Foley** co-authored a poster with **Dr. Mary Roden-Tice**, professor of earth and environmental science, and Dr. Robert Wintsch of Indiana University. It was titled "Confirmation of Mesozoic Tectonic Adjustments to Paleozoic Terranes in Central New England." **Ethan Sullivan** presented a poster titled "Spatial and Downstream Variability of Baseflow Nutrient Runoff in the Little Chazy River, Northeastern New York." It was co-authored by four other SUNY Plattsburgh undergraduates, **Brian Huber**, **Sean Keenan**, **Carolyn Livensperger** and **Lisle Snyder**, in addition to Professors of Earth and Environmental Science **Drs. David Franzi** and **Robert Fuller** and Stephen Kramer of the Miner Institute. **Chad Johnston's** poster presentation titled, "Textural and Compositional Variations in Late Wisconsin Proglacial Lake and Marine Deposits as Proxies for Changing Sediment Provenance and Fresh-Water Outflow Sources in the Champlain Lowland, N.Y.," was co-authored by SUNY Plattsburgh undergraduates **Brian Huber** and **Kevin Probst** as well as Franzi and Drs. Peter Knuepfer of SUNY Binghamton and **Dr. John Rayburn '94**, a former SUNY Plattsburgh faculty member who currently teaches at SUNY New Paltz.

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College Unveils New Degree Programs

Two new degree options are opening this fall: the Bachelor of Science in Fitness and Wellness Leadership and the Master of Science in Natural Science.

The fitness and wellness program will prepare students for careers in medically-based fitness facilities, commercial health clubs, sports performance clinics, senior centers and more.

"Our graduates ... will be the ones who meet the needs of a growing population of people wanting to become healthier," said Kenneth Baldwin, coordinator of the program.

Students will learn the science of fitness; take part in business, management and clinical rotations; and receive the knowledge, skills and abilities specified by the American College of Sports Medicine Committee on Certification and Registry Boards.

The new natural science major is designed to provide upper-level students with the knowledge, skills, experience and credentials to pursue careers as scientists in their respective fields of study.

Students will choose from three concentrations: environmental science, biology and chemistry. Within these,



they may work with faculty conducting research in fields like biochemistry, botany, ecology, genetics and more.

"We've had some excellent award-winning undergraduate research here," said Dr. Timothy Mihuc, coordinator of the program. "And we think we can extend that to the graduate level."

Students' experiences will be enhanced by the college's location.

"We are at the doorstep of a six-million acre park that is essentially a research laboratory. And we are on the shores of a 490-square-mile lake and that, too, can provide numerous opportunities for research," said Mihuc. □

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- **Well, Wise and Whole Event**, featuring Dr. Richard P. Johnson, Tuesday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. This event features fun workshops for adults, age 40 and up. Topics covered include: Mental Fitness and Healthy Aging, Gentle Chair Yoga, Wellness Recovery Action Plan for Mental Health, Tips To Keep Your Mind Sharp, Mindful and Belly Full, Osteoporosis and Arthritis Exercise and Mindful Practices of Self-Care. Sponsored by the Clinton County Office for the Aging and Eastern Adirondack Health Care Network. The cost is \$7 and includes lunch and all activities. Registration deadline: Aug. 1. Call 518-564-4322 to request a registration form.
- **Residence halls open** for new and returning students, Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., each day.
- **First day of classes**, Monday, Aug. 25.

Events Calendar: www.plattsburgh.edu/events